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C/Staff Sergeant Poe (CT075) prepares a youngster for a startling demonstration of gyroscopic stability. (Photo: Lt. Col. Rocketto)

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Chief of Staff News

Lieutenant Colonel Jim Ridley Connecticut Wing Chief of Staff o far June has been a good month for Connecticut Wing. Our very own safety officer, Major Stephen Valastro,

completed the CAP Safety Officer College which took place a week ago at Kirtland AFB in New Mexico. Completion of this course will allow Major Valastro to complete Level IV of the CAP senior member development program and will make him eligible for the grade of lieutenant colonel. Last weekend we completed the second and final workshop for the 2014 Connecticut Wing Encampment. I was very pleased with the professionalism and eagerness displayed by cadets and seniors, they really impressed me and are ready to make this year's encampment one of the best ever.

This past week I also had the pleasure of teaching at the Northeast Region Chaplain Staff College held at the Joint McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst military base in New Jersey. The college featured lecturers from CTWG, including Connecticut Wing Chaplain Lt. Col. Adma Ross, encampment Chaplain Captain Andrew Hart and 399th Danbury Composite Squadron Chaplain Captain James Solomon. My subject was on the importance and value of chaplains and character development officers at cadet basic leadership encampments and I believe the subject matter resonated with more than a few of the students judging by the questions asked and sub-topics that were brought up as a result.

This past weekend Connecticut Wing underwent an Air Force Audit of our wing finance, logistics/ supply and communications departments along with two squadron inspections, Danielson Cadet Squadron and Thames River Squadron. I am very pleased to say that all departments and units faired very well and made the wing proud. I can say with certainty that we are doing all the right things in Connecticut Wing and I am very proud of the staff I lead who made the wing shine this past month.

Finally, this past month saw myself and Connecticut Wing Vice Commander Lt. Col. Darren Cioffi present Cadet Major Daniel Durning (CT-074) with his well-earned Ameila Earhart Award in a ceremony on June 21 at Danielson Cadet Squadron HQ. We were joined by Connecticut State Representative Danny Rovero who presented cadet Durning with a proclamation. Durning joins two other cadets from this year's encampment cadet command staff who earned promotions. Cadet Colonel Adam Hocutt, our encampment cadet commander, earned his Spaatz achievement, and the encampment cadet executive officer Cadet Captain Kevin Jenkins earned his Earhart award. Our cadets are thriving right along with the wing, it's great to see! Enjoy the beginning of your summer and be safe!



Lt. Col. Jim Ridley lectures at the NER Chaplain Corps Staff College (Photo: Captain April Krason)

Chaplain's Corner

Lieutenant Colonel Adma Ross Connecticut Wing Chaplain



onnecticut Wing chaplains and character development officers played a key role in the 2014
North East Region Chaplain Corps Staff College, held June 9-13 at McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst
Joint Base in Wrightstown, NJ. The college is held annually to train newly appointed chaplains and CDIs and to update skills for all Chaplain Corps personnel. The Air Force mandated *Violence in the Workplace* as a critical topic this year for the college.

Connecticut Wing Chaplain Adma Ross directed the 2014 college. First Lieutenant April Krason of the Royal Charter squadron served as Public Affairs Officer. Featured speakers included Chaplain Jim Solomon from the 399th Danbury Squadron; Chaplain Andy Hart, 2014 CTWG Encampment Chaplain; and Lieutenant Colonel James Ridley, Connecticut Wing Chief of Staff and 2014 Basic Encampment Commander. Each imparted his own knowledge and inspiration to the presentations.

Chaplain Jim Solomon spoke on *The Role of the CAP Chaplain in Community Violence*. In 2014, Chaplain Solomon supported and led the seniors and cadets of his squadron in processing the grief and shock following two violent deaths within the squadron family. Pastor of the New Hope Community Church in Newtown, CT, Solomon told of his personal experience on the day of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings. He went on to speak of his role in the subsequent days as a member of the clergy council in that community. "We didn't know that Obama would be there," remarked Solomon, in describing their cooperative efforts and the nationally broadcast interfaith services they led. In the days and months following, he has been asked to give key pastoral support to local firefighters and police. Still, Jim's primary service has found more intimate expression through his counseling in his church, squadron, and community. Remarked Solomon, "You give them your card. You tell them you are available. And when they call, you may be very tired and you may have many other commitments. But you go."

Chaplain Andy Hart spoke on *PTSD and Violence in the Workplace*. Chaplain Hart is finishing work on his doctoral dissertation drawn from his work with veterans meeting at his Long Island squadron location. As an outgrowth of these efforts he has founded the Jacob Center and published several articles in *The Military Chaplain*. Hart provided a background on PTSD as a mental health condition. He discussed symptoms and events that could trigger a traumatic stress reaction. In some instances this traumatic reaction has led to suicide, family member violence, and workplace violence. Trained intervention is critical. He stated that "CAP

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Chaplain Andy Hart and NER Chaplain Staff
College Director Lt. Col. Adma Ross
(Photo: Courtesy Chaplain Ross)

chaplains are in a unique position to assist here, as our association with the military makes us more acceptable to veterans for care." CAP Chaplains can provide a ministry of presence; prayer and healing services; help in thinking through morality questions; and encouragement to engage in positive activity, such as exercise. Chaplain Hart emphasized the need for training in suicide prevention and Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM), and to establish a chaplain training and support network.

Lieutenant Colonel James Ridley spoke on *The Chaplain in Basic Encampment* and on *Core Values in Basic Encampment*. He described the activity of chaplains and character development officers at the 2013 Connecticut Wing Basic Encampment. Chaplains and CDIs met parents when they arrived with basic cadets and again at graduation. They counseled cadets and seniors, led character develop-

ment sessions, and provided religious accommodation through three worship services. For Lt. Col. Ridley, "Chaplains and CDIs are the eyes and ears of the encampment commander. The encampment chaplain is the commander's trusted advisor and counselor." CAP core values and cadet protection are central to basic encampment. In cadet protection, the CT 2014 Encampment anticipated the 2014 Cadet Protection Policy. For Commander Ridley, core values are demonstrated by example, taught in character development sessions, and developed through mentoring. By making core values central to the encampment, the encampment staff can make a difference in the wing through the values cadets carry back to their squadrons.

Connecticut Wing Encampment Camp Niantic, Niantic, CT August 9-16, 2014

Applications are still open for Cadet Basics and Seniors

A Civil Air Patrol Basic Cadet Leadership Encampment can be the most significant and worthwhile training experience of a Civil Air Patrol cadet's membership. Training is what the encampment is all about.

If a cadet wishes to earn their General Billy Mitchell Achievement and become a cadet officer, attend certain NCSAs or serve at an encampment as a staff member, they must first attend and graduate from a basic encampment.

For more information and resources go to:

2014 CTWG Encampment



Plainville Squadron Appreciates Connecticut Veterans

Cadet Second Lieutenant Lorraine Mihaliak 186th Squadron Cadet Commander/CT058



his past May, the 186th Composite Squadron (Plainville, CT) sponsored the second annual *Thank you CT Vets!* fundraiser honoring Connecticut Veterans.



Cadet Second Lieutenant Lorraine Mihaliak visits with a Veteran (Photo: Alison Kriscenski)

The squadron raised funds by offering the public a chance to show their appreciation to Connecticut Veterans by sponsoring a carnation and writing a thank you note to be handed out at the VA Hospital in New Haven over Memorial Day weekend.

The annual fundraiser has been a growing success. This year 1,600 carnations were spon-

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Cadet Second Lieutenant Dolores Mihaliak places a carnation at the Veterans Cemetery in Middletown (Photo: Major Hernandez)

sored, four times more than the number distributed in 2013.

Thanks to the overwhelming support from the people of Connecticut, the squadron was able to distribute flowers not only at the VA Hospital but also at the Veterans Cemetery in Middletown.

The 186th Composite Squadron would like to extend their appreciation to all the veterans in Civil Air Patrol and thank them for their service.

186th Squadron Cadets Visit Veterans

Cadet Lt. Col. Leslie Curtiss, C/Second Lieutenant Dolores Mihaliak, C/Chief Master Sergeant Andrew Thomas and C/Second Lieutenant Lorraine Mihaliak (Photo: Alison Kriscenski)







Cadet Daniel Durning Earns Earhart Award



Major Joseph Provost
Commander Danielson Cadet Squadron/CT074

adet Daniel Durning has earned the Amelia Earhart Award. With this award, Cadet Durning receives a promotion to the rank of cadet major. The award is named in honor of the pilot who lost her life while attempting to be the first woman to circumnavigate the globe.

The Amelia Earhart Award is given to cadets who have completed the first 11 achievements of the cadet program. Cadets



Lt. Col. Darren Cioffi (r) presents the Amelia Earhart
Award to Cadet Major Daniel Durning
(Photo: SFO Rebecca Lajoie)

must pass a comprehensive exam covering aerospace topics and leadership theory. In additional, they must complete staff duty reports, mentor other cadets in aerospace training, pass a physical fitness exam, and lead character development discussions. Only three percent of the



22,000 CAP cadets nationwide earn the Amelia Earhart Award.

Cadet Durning is currently serving in the Danielson Cadet Squadron in Danielson, CT while residing in Webster, MA attending the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, where he is studying Biology.

Cadet Major Daniel Durning (CT-074) (I) receives a Connecticut proclamation from State Representative Danny Rovero (r)

(Photo: SFO Rebecca Lajoie)





Cadet Adam Hocutt Earns Spaatz Award



Major David Stansfield Commander 103rd Squadron/CT004

am please to announce Cadet
Adam Hocutt passed his Spaatz
Milestone and has earned the
grade of Cadet Colonel.

The award is presented to cadets who have demonstrated excellence in leadership, character, fitness and aerospace education.

Only 1,952 cadets have achieved this milestone since the inception of the Spaatz Award. On average, 40 cadets a year achieve the Spaatz Award. Cadet Hocutt is the fifth cadet from the 103rd Squadron to attain this honor.

Cadet Hocutt joined Civil Air Patrol in January 2010 and has steadily progressed through the cadet program. He has been involved in emergency services as a Ground Team Member 2, attended Blue Beret, and has been CTWG Encampment Cadet Deputy Commander. Hocutt will also serve as this years Encampment Cadet Commander.

SPAATZ AWARD

General Carl Spaatz was the first Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force and first Chairman of the Civil Air Patrol National Board

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Where: Tropicana Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV

When: August 14-16, 2014

Early Bird Registration is now open!

www.capmembers.com/events/ national conference/

HIGHLIGHTS:

Over <u>50 learning labs</u> emphasizing the theme, *Preparing for Tomorrow's Challenges* will be presented on August 15 and 16.

Nine pre-conference workshops are also being offered prior to the conference, August 11 through 14. The pre-conference courses are designed for those wanting more intense training in specific areas.

Space is limited, so register early.

If you have any questions, email events@capnhq.gov



CADET AWARDS & PROMOTIONS



COLONEL

Spaatz Award

Adam Hocutt CT-004



MAJOR

Operations Achievement

Midhat Mullai CT-011 Daniel Durning CT-074



CAPTAIN

Earhart Award

Kevin Jenkins CT-801



SECOND LIEUTENANT

Mitchell Award

John Mulcahy CT-022



SR. MASTER SERGEANT

Doolittle Achievement

David Maciel CT-011 **Nicholas Knight** CT-062 **Noah Chokas** CT-074 **Andrew D'Amico** CT-801



MASTER SERGEANT

Lindberg Achievement

Edward Schnarr CT-801



TECHNICAL SERGEANT

Rickenbacker Achievement

Mark Johnson CT-801



STAFF SERGEANT

Wright Brothers Award

James Dossantos CT-011
James Haggard CT-011
Benjamin Farrell CT-058
Michael Hollingsworth CT-075
Daniel Hollingsworth CT-075



SENIOR AIRMAN

Mary Feik Achievement

Morgan Dumas CT-014 Emily Hammer CT-022 Brighton Key CT-042



AIRMAN FIRST CLASS

Hap Arnold Achievement

Robert Buckley CT-801 Marc Dispenza CT-801 Christopher Nies CT-801 Dawson Remington CT-801



CADET AIRMAN

John Curry Achievement

Jenna Lackey CT-062
Chadwick Hutchinson
Joseph Rodriguez CT-074
Matthew Drost CT-075
Daniel Wadsworth CT-075
Courtney Surovy CT-801



Connecticut Wing

Basic Leadership Encampment

August 9-16; Niantic, CT

2014 CTWG Encampment



Connecticut Legislator Inducted into Cap Congressional Squadron

Major Joseph Provost, Commander Danielson Cadet Squadron/CT074

tate Representative Danny Rovero (D-Killingly) was officially inducted into Civil Air Patrol's Congressional Squadron as a Major at the Danielson Cadet Squadron's awards ceremony held at Danielson Airport on June 21, 2014.

Major Rovero's framed Civil Air Patrol membership certificate was presented by Lieutenant Colonel Darren Cioffi and Lt. Col. James Ridley, Vice Commander and Chief of Staff respectively of Connecticut Wing, Civil Air Patrol. "I wasn't more than a buck sergeant in the Army, it is very humbling to be awarded the grade of Major," stated Rovero.

During the appearance, the congressman met with local leaders, renewing his efforts to make a difference for the youth in the district, as well as in the state. He also met with some of the squadron's cadets, stressing the importance of their activities in the development of America's next generation of leaders.

A highlight of his visit to the squadron was the ability to see one of Civil Air Patrol's aircraft and sit in the pilot's seat. "My son is a pilot, and I can tell you that this is a great aircraft." CAP has the world's largest fleet of single engine aircraft, and Rovero attested to the wonder and professionalism of Civil Air Patrol.

The Congressional Squadron was formed in 1967 to allow members of Congress and other key individ-

uals in the Washington, D.C. area to participate in CAP programs. The squadron is an operational search and rescue and disaster relief unit, consisting of members of Congress, their staff, legislative and executive branch officials, and aviation professionals.

The squadron, commanded by Senator Tom Harkin (D-Iowa), reports directly to CAP National Headquarters at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, and has provided national-level assistance and congressional influence to CAP in a wide range of issues and concerns.



Lt. Col Jim Ridley, State Representative Danny Rovero, Lt. Col. Darren Cioffi and Major Joe Provost (Photo: SFO Rebecca Lajoie)





Memorial Day Celebrated in New Fairfield

Captain Ralph Langham, Aerospace Education Officer/CT042
Commander, New Fairfield Veterans Association

his Memorial Day was a spectacular success. The weather was perfect and attendance was great as New Fairfield celebrated this very solemn day.

The event started at exactly 10:30 a.m. when Captain Johnny Burke (Danbury Squadron/CT042) flew Civil Air Patrol aircraft "44L" over Veterans Green. This was the first aircraft, other than military and police, to fly over the World Trade Center after 9/11. The overflight was followed by music provided by the New Fairfield High School (NFHS) Band and Chamber Singers.

The ceremony officially began at 11 a.m. when New Fairfield Veterans Association Vice-Commander Greg Porpora opened the event. The convocation was given by Father Karol, then all joined in for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. This was followed by the New Fairfield High School Band and Singers performing the National Anthem.

New Fairfield Veterans Association Commander, Ralph C. Langham, then gave the following speech on the history of Memorial Day:

Memorial Day, originally called "Decoration Day," was held on May 30, 1868. On May 5, 1868, General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, proclaimed in his General Order No. 11, that a day be observed for flowers to be placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit."

During the first celebration of Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery. That tradition continued un-officially for many years on the last weekend in May, known as Decoration Day, at Arlington and Civil War graves in cemeteries throughout the country.

The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I, when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War, to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war. It is now celebrated in almost every State on the last Monday in May (passed by Congress with the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 - 363) to ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays). Several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19 in Texas, April 26 in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10 in South Carolina; and June 3 (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.

In 1986 President Ronald Reagan gave the following speech:

"If we look to the answer as to why for so many years we achieved so much, prospered as no other people on Earth, it was because here in this land we unleashed the energy and individual genius of man to a greater extent than has ever been done before. Freedom and the dignity of the individual have been more avail-

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able and assured here than in any other place on Earth.

The price for this freedom at times has been high, but we have never been unwilling to pay that price. Those who say we were in a time when there are no heroes, they just don't know where to look. The sloping hills of Arlington National Cemetery, with its row upon row of simple white markers, bearing crosses or stars of David, add up to only a tiny fraction of the price that has been paid for our freedom. Each one of those markers is a monument to the kind of hero that I spoke of earlier. Their lives ended in places called Beliew Wood, the Argonne, Utah Beach, Poe Valley, and halfway around the world on Guadal Canal, Tarawa, Pork Chop Hill, the Chosen Reservoir, and a hundred rice paddies called Vietnam.

Under one such marker lies a young man, Martin Treptow, who left his job in a small town barbershop in 1917 to go to France with the famed Rainbow Division. There, on the western front, he was killed trying to carry a message between battalions under heavy artillery fire. We're told that, on his body, was found a diary. On the flyleaf, under the heading 'My Pledge,' he had written the words: 'America must win this war. Therefore, I will work, I will save, I will sacrifice, I will endure, I will fight cheerfully and do my utmost, as if the issue of the whole struggle depended on me alone.'

We must realize that no arsenal, or no weapon, in the arsenals of the world, is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women. It is a weapon our adversaries, in today's world, do not have. It is a weapon that we as Americans, do have. Let that be understood, by those who practice terrorism, and prey upon those neighbors. As for the enemies of freedom, those who are potential adversaries, they will be reminded that peace is the highest aspiration of the American people. We will negotiate for it, sacrifice for it, but we will not surrender for it now or ever. We are Americans."

Veteran John Hedtke then read the names of veterans who are listed on both New Fairfield monuments. Wreaths were placed on the older monument by veteran Carmine Giordano and on the new monument by Sherman Veteran Commander William Butts. Both were accompanied by a girl scout and a Civil Air Patrol cadet.

The NFVA then gave a stirring rendition of Flanders Field. Military honors were then given and Father Karol gave the invocation in both English and Polish.

After the ceremony ended, Commander Butts, Commander Langham and Vice Commander Greg Porpora presented veteran's patches to NFVA Girl Scouts. The day was a total success.

Information about NFVA may be obtained by contacting us at NFVA, Box 8088, New Fairfield, CT 06812 or at 203-746-5400. We meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. in the New Fairfield Senior Center. If you are an American Veteran who has been honorably discharged, please come and see what we are all about. You will be glad you did as you will become part of a dynamic patriotic organization.

Upcoming Search and Rescue Exercise

Train or update your qualifications at the next Search And Rescue Exercise scheduled for August 23, in Hartford

Squadron emergency services officers should forward participant information via spreadsheet to Lieutenant Colonel Mike Heath, Connecticut Wing Emergency Services Officer

msheath@optonline.net



Long Island Sound Patrol is Back

Captain John Freeman
Director of Operations/CT042

t's time once again to start LISP operations over Long Island Sound.

Long Island Sound is an important waterway, not only from an economic standpoint but also as a recreational resource. Approximately \$800 billion worth of cargo passes through the sound every year and its shores are lined with critical infrastructure such as power plants (including a nuclear one), industrial facilities, railroads, major highways and the U.S. Navy Submarine base in Groton, CT. During the summer months the Sound is dotted most weekends with various watercrafts using the sound for recreational activities.

Since Long Island Sound is such a critical waterway, the Connecticut Wing of Civil Air Patrol provides aerial reconnaissance of the Sound on weekends from Memorial Day into September. While in the Long Island Sound Patrol area, CAP aircraft are in contact with the U.S. Coast Guard so that suspicious activities involving infrastructure or shipping, environmental issues (such as petroleum spills) and assistance to vessels in distress can be quickly reported and addressed.

The operational area, as shown in the LISP flight profile map, covers the eastern two thirds of Long Island Sound. Typically 3, three-hour flights are conducted per weekend. One flight takes place on



(Photo: Captain John Freeman)

Saturday and two flights on Sunday, with flight operations ending at dusk. Holiday weekends usually include two additional flights to cover the holiday itself.

Civil Air Patrol Aircrew interested in participating in the 2014 LISP should contact the point of contact (POC) for their hub to get assigned to a flight. Crewmembers should be qualified as Mission Pilot, Mission Observer, Mission Scanner, Aerial Photographer or as a trainee for one of these positions to participate. Only one trainee per sortie is allowed.

Below is a list of the three LISP hubs. Interested aircrew can contact the appropriate hub POC for inclusion in LISP operations.

KHFD: CT004; CTO14; CTO27; CT058; CT071

KGON: CT073; CT074; CT075

KDXR: CT001; CT022; CT042; CTO62



The Closing of a Squadron

Captain Jonathan Luysterborghs,
Clinical Director Critical Incident Stress Management Team/CT001

he sixteen months I served as squadron commander of the 169th Composite Squadron were exciting, interesting, gratifying, and challenging. I developed a connection to, and pride in the unit and its history, and personal connections and attachment to the members of the squadron and many of their family members. It was a unit with a long history and distinctive tradition of service to Connecticut Wing.

On May 1 of this year the 169th Composite Squadron of Manchester was deactivated and its members transferred to another excellent unit, Royal Charter Composite Squadron in Hartford. Unit deactivation and consolidation was not an easy decision for commanders at wing, group, or squadron levels; but one that was certainly of benefit to our membership and Civil Air Patrol. In decisions such as this it can be difficult to separate the elements of human emotion from our professional responsibilities. That is why I am sharing this article.

Most Civil Air Patrol squadron commanders are not faced with the uncomfortable question of whether to deactivate the unit that they are charged with leading; but the question is certainly within the spectrum of recommendations that must be considered during the evaluation phase of the management cycle, and should not be overlooked.

CAPR 20-1 states that "Squadron commanders are responsible to the corporation and to the wing commander for ensuring that the corporation objectives, policies, and operational directives are effectively executed within their squadron". That is a reminder that the squadron does not exist for its own benefit and purposes; but as a resource for the benefit and purposes of Civil Air Patrol at the national, regional, and wing echelons.

If, during efforts to rebuild a squadron, it becomes apparent that CAP's tri-fold mission

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(Emergency Service, Aerospace Education, and Cadet Programs) is not being served; but possibly hindered by allocation of valuable resources to maintain the identity of that squadron, it is time to consider consolidation. A thoroughly considered decision to combine two squadrons is clearly in keeping with CAP Core Values, in that *Integrity* and *Volunteer* Service involve doing what is right and what is needed, including sacrifice of self-interest and unit pride toward the overall ability to accomplish CAP's mission. It supports the Core Value of *Excellence* by supporting the proper assignment and utilization of Civil Air Patrol resources; so that effective training and mobilization in service of our mission can be accomplished. It demonstrates Respect through the realization that CAP cadets' span of service is limited by age restrictions, and they deserve the rich experience of serving in a vibrant, diverse, and active squadron during the years available to them as cadets.

The difficult decision to recommend deactivation of a squadron after making a solid attempt to rebuild it can be both heart-breaking and gratifying if it is truly the decision that leads to the best use of Civil Air Patrol resources, and toward the most rewarding

experience for the squadron's members in service of CAP's mission. Although it was a very challenging assignment; I am honored, proud, and glad that I was assigned as Squadron Commander of the 169th Composite Squadron.

Accepting Applications for Northwest Hills Squadron Commander

Lieutenant Colonel Joe Palys, Commander Western Connecticut Group

I am currently accepting applications for the position of Squadron Commander of the Northwest Hills Composite Squadron in Torrington. The squadron currently meets on Thursday evening at the Torrington Armory. While the unit is the smallest squadron in Western Connecticut Group it is well established in the community and has an excellent meeting facility. Senior members who have completed Level 1 are encouraged to apply for this position.

The position of CAP Squadron Commander is both challenging and rewarding. The modern squadron commander must be very proficient with CAP's online systems and be an effective communicator in person, in writing, and using digital communications.

I will accept applications for this position until July 3, 2014. All applications will be considered by the selection committee. If you have any questions or would like to arrange to visit the squadron please contact me.

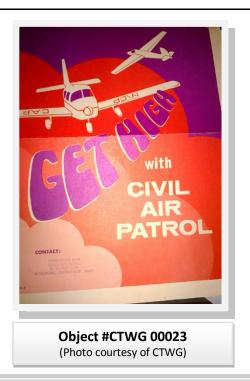
First Person Accounts and Connecticut Wing History

Captain Christopher Keenan, Wing Historian/CT001

hile working on the 2013 Wing History, I decided to add some non-traditional items to the appendix: interviews. Since one of the missions of a CAP historian is to collect oral histories from its members, I thought it would be a nice addition to include some brief accounts of the wing activities, in the words of the members themselves. Included in the 2013 History are two interviews; one with the new wing commander, Colonel Ken Chapman, and one with Cadet Captain Ashley Keenan (CT802) who was the wing's representative to the International Air Cadet Exchange in the United Kingdom.

Moving this idea forward, I wish to solicit first person accounts from the membership. If you know of any cadets who are attending a National Cadet Special Activity this summer, and is willing to put pen to paper, please have them forward their experience to me at keenansfarm@aol.com. The same applies to any member, senior or cadet, who would like to share their experiences during this calendar year.

To quote E. L. Doctorow, "The historian will tell you what happened. The novelist will tell you what it felt like." So I ask all of you, help me to be to be a successful novelist.



What can I say except...groovy?

It was 1973, and someone in National thought this was a good idea. A study of CAP recruiting posters through-out its history will reveal an attempt to connect with popular culture; be it through art, language and overall style. Obviously this was a well intentioned attempt to "connect" with a younger, hip, generation.

The phrase, "Get High" has several different meanings, and it was probably the illicit reference rather than the literal meaning that undoubtedly raised a few eyebrows.



Thames River Squadron Presents Triad of Aerospace Programs



Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Rocketto, Aerospace Education Officer/CT001

n Thursday, May 29, Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Rocketto headed for Fishers Island to present an all-day program for students at the Fishers Island School. The day started badly when Rocketto discovered that the club aircraft which he reserved for his flight was still in maintenance. The other club aircraft was reserved for the day. But the brotherhood of aviators rescued him. A fellow member of Westerly's *Snoopy's Group*, Mr. Charles Hutter, who had reserved the other aircraft, volunteered to get him to Fishers and also offered to pick him up on his return flight from Watertown.

Fisher's Island School

Lt. Col. Rocketto was met at the airport by Fishers Island elementary school pupils where he conducted a short course on airports: wind sock, runway markings, numbering and lighting, and patterns. The class then adjourned to the school where an informational session was held on the purpose, history, and missions of Civil Air Patrol and some simple demonstrations of aerospace science principles were presented. During a working lunch, Rocketto met with students interested in joining CAP, took names and e-mail addresses, and explained the cadet program in some detail. A second session was offered to the high school students in the afternoon and followed the pattern set in the morning but with more sophistication.

Annual Ledyard Aerospace Festival

On Friday, May 30, Lt. Col. Rocketto and Cadet Staff Sergeant Virginia Poe (CT-075) and Mrs. Poe set up an information booth and demonstration area at the Ledyard Aerospace Festival held at the Juliet Long School. The event is an annual program organized by Stuart Sharack, retired teacher and CAP's first Aerospace Teacher of the Year. He is assisted by another teacher, Alec Rode, a former A-7 pilot. Some of the other organizations represented

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were NASA, the U.S. Coast Guard Ice Patrol, and CATO, Connecticut's amateur rocket club. A group of sailors for the US Submarine Base volunteered to assist in running some of the activities.

Several hundred pupils and parents passed from station to station, trying their hands at different activities and getting their "participation passports" stamped. The Thames River "hands-on" activities were built around



Cadet Staff Sergeant Virginia Poe (CT075) explains CAP's cadet program to a potential recruit.

(Photo: Lt. Col. Stephen Rocketto)

Newton's Laws of motion and used an air hockey puck, von Guericke's sphere, and a bicycle wheel to illustrate the principles involving force and motion.

Ledyard Aerospace Adventurer's Young Eagle Flights

Lieutenant Colonel Wisehart and Lt. Col. Rocketto met with about 50 youngsters and parents at Columbia Aviation, Groton-New London Airport on Sunday, the first of June. The group had gathered for Experimental Aircraft Association Young Eagles Flights and consisted of children in the third through fifth grades in the Ledyard School System.

Wisehart and Rocketto spoke about opportunities in Civil Air Patrol for young aviation enthusiasts and for their parents. Parents were informed that one need not be a pilot but that CAP has many openings for volunteers both as regular members and cadet sponsors.



Thames River Squadron Continues External Aerospace Education Programs

Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Rocketto, Aerospace Education Officer/CT001

hames River Composite Squadron continued its external aerospace education program with two more school events. On Wednesday, June 4, Lieutenant Colonel Rocketto visited the Annie Fisher STEM Magnet School in Hartford to work with the CAP Aerospace Connections in Education (ACE) rocket launchings. ACE is a CAP aerospace education program for elementary teachers (K-6) who are aerospace education members (AEMs) or senior members in Civil Air Patrol.

Rachael Manzer runs the program at Annie Fisher School. Manzer is a distinguished educator who was the Civil Air Patrol Aerospace Education Teacher of the Year in 2010 and has been selected by NASA as one of seven teachers offered a ride into space on one of the commercial vehicles under development.

Manzer designed and teaches two aerospace education courses at Annie Fisher for elementary and intermediate grade students. She then leveraged her influence by teaching other teachers to teach the courses which are two of the most popular in the school.



Lt. Col. Stephen Rocketto assists a student in attaching electrical leads to the rocket's fuse.

(Photo: Courtesy Lt. Col. Rocketto)

Two sets of students, about 40 altogether, reported to the field behind the school to launch their rockets. A safety briefing was held. Then, for the next hour, cries of wonderment, screams of excitement, and laughter filled the air as one after another students prepared, launched, and recovered their vehicles. Each participants was presented with a CAP ACES T-shirt and given permission to wear that sign of achievement to school on the next day.

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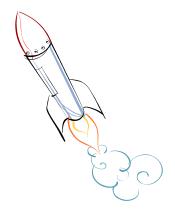
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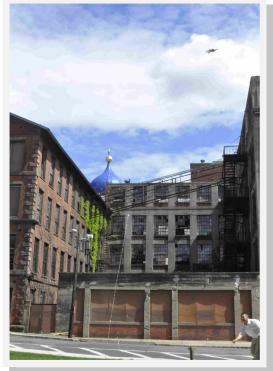
n Friday, June 6, Rocketto visited Two Rivers Magnet High School and observed students in Dr. Robert Polselli's Principles of Engineering class practicing the engineering design process by constructing bottle rockets. Two Rivers Magnet School is another institution which uses the STEM concept to teach modern technological disciplines, concepts, and practices.

Dr. Polselli is a pilot who holds a CFI certificate and his room contains two flight simulators equipped with yokes, rudder pedals, and power consoles. While there, I watched a video of some rocket launches which they filmed from the air using a radio controlled quad copter.

Near the end of class we went outdoors and students launched several rockets. The rockets were filled with a quantity of water and the reservoir was pressurized by the combination pump and launch system.

Lt. Col. Rocketto is scheduled to return to Two Rivers for a second session which will include familiarization with Civil Air Patrol and a set of science demonstrations.





A careful perusal of this picture reveals where the water ejecta ended and ballistic flight began. The water rocket in the upper right is at its apogee, about 75 feet high.

(Photo: Courtesy Lt. Col. Rocketto)

Aerospace History Milestones

Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Rocketto, Aerospace Education Officer/CT001

June 18, 1952 – Scientist H. Julian Allen, at the Ames Aeronautical Laboratory of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA), publicly announces the "blunt body" reentry vehicle shape which uses a detached shock wave to retard heat transfer from the atmosphere to the vehicle.

June 20, 1937 – Pilot Valerie Chkalov, Navigator Alexandr Belyakov and Flight Engineer Georgi Baidukov fly a Sukhoi designed, Tupolev constructed ANT-25 from Moscow to Vancouver, Washington, the first flight from Europe to North America over the North Pole.

June 21, 1969 – Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin depart the moon in the lunar module Eagle.



The lunar module "Eagle," carrying Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin, returns to the Apollo command module manned by Michael Collins. Earth is in the background.

(Photo: NASA)

June 22, 1954 – First flight of the Ed Heinemann designed Douglas XA4D Skyhawk. Three thousand were produced and they served eleven different nations.



The tiny and agile Skyhawk also bore sobriquets of "Tinker Toy" and "Heinemann's Hot Rod" (Photo: A-4 Skyhawk Association)

June 23, 1916 – Victor E. Chapman, flying a Nieuport 16 for the Lafayette Escadrille, is shot down over Verdun becoming the first American aviator killed in World War One.

June 25, 1923 – The first complete midair refueling using a hose is completed over San Diego. US Army Air Corps Lt. Lowell Smith and Lt. John Richter fly a Boeing remanufactured, DeHavilland designed, DH-4B. and receive fuel from another aircraft flown by Lieutenant Frank Seifert.

June 27, 1945 – The Pilotless Aircraft Research Station is established at Wallops Island, Virginia.

June 28, 1939 – North Atlantic passenger service commences when a Pan American Boeing 314 flying boat, Dixie Clipper, lift off from Port Washington, N.Y under the command of Capt. R.O.D. Sullivan. The journey culminates in Marseilles on July 2.



APR 60-1 states, "Prior to flight, a flight release is required for all CAP flight ac-

eFlight Release

Captain Johnny Burke Standards & Eval Officer/CT001

tivities." CAPR 60-1 goes on to say the release must be an *eFlight Release*, unless we don't have access to a computer. If we don't have access to a computer, we can release the flight on a CAPF-99, and record the *eFlight Release* within 24 hours.

WMIRS automatically generates an email to the Wing Commander and Director of Operations if a flight is flown without an *eFlight Release*. There are several ways to insure you have an *eFlight Release* prior to flight:

- 1. The PIC will receive email notification their flight has been released.
- 2. The flight will show "released" in the upper left hand corner of the sortie page.
- 3. CAPF-104 will show the flight "released," to include the FRO's name and CAP ID.

If you use the CAPF-99 option, make sure it is recorded as an *eFlight Release* before the flight is closed out in eServices, and within 24 hours, to avoid the email alert.

Certain changes made to a sortie will invalidate the release. Changing the "date" is the most common way to invalidate a release. There is no "alert" that the change you just made to a sortie invalidated the release, but if you look in the upper left hand corner of the sortie page, after you "update," you can see if the flight is still released. If you get in the habit of checking the release every time you make an entry in the sortie, you will know whether or not you still have a valid release.

If you are a Flight Release Officer (FRO), you have access to a report in WMIRS that shows any unreleased flight. If you've had a busy FRO day making changes to a lot of sorties, you can go in to WMIRS, *eFlight Release*, *Reports*, *Flights Not Released*, and check to see if any of your changes invalidated a release.



e have two new Becker RT-600 units in Connecticut Wing. One is installed in N273CP, the other is installed in N9344L.

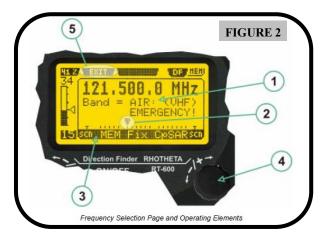
The knob-ology and nomenclature are different even though both are new RT-600s. One major difference is which knob is used for frequency selection. In the newest Becker RT-600 (44L) the upper right hand knob is used to select a frequency:



Becker RT- 600 installed in N9344L

Figure 1: item number 1, upper right hand knob selects frequency. (Photo: Becker Avionic Systems)

The Becker RT-600 in 3CP uses the lower right hand knob for frequency selection:



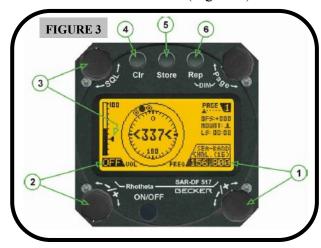
Becker RT- 600 installed in N273CP

Figure 2: item number 4, lower right hand knob selects frequency. (Photo: Becker Avionic Systems)

New Becker RT-600

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Just to keep things interesting, here is what the old Becker units look like (Figure 3):

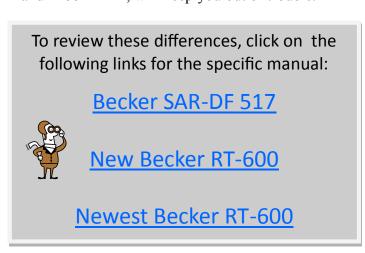


Becker SAR-DF 517

Figure 3: item number 1, lower right hand knob selects frequency (Photo: Becker Avionic Systems)

Frequency selection is accomplished with the lower right hand knob, and the bearing page (DF) remains displayed when the frequency is changed.

The appropriate Becker manual is in each aircraft, so you can review before flight. Remembering that frequency selection is accomplished with the lower right hand knob in 3CP, and the upper right hand knob in 44L, will keep you out of trouble.



Emergency Landing Without Power

Captain Johnny Burke Standards & Eval Officer/CT001

his month's emergency checklist review, *Emergency Landing Without Engine Power*, has no immediate action items. The assumption is you are not time critical.

Still, we should have a flow pattern in mind for what needs to be accomplished in case we are time critical. The flow should go something like this:

- Seatbelts secure
- Speed best glide speed
- Shut off fuel and electronics need
 the main battery to lower the flaps
- Flaps down
- Doors unlatched
- Land

Having this flow pattern in mind should help you with the checklist, if you find yourself alone and without engine power on a dark, cold, rainy night.

Checklist Review

Emergency Landing Without Engine Power

1. Pilot & Passengers Seat Backs

8. Stby Batt Switch Off

7. Wing Flaps.. As req. (Full recommended)

9. Master Switch (Alt & Bat) ... Off

(when landing is assured)

10. Doors Unlatch Prior to Touchdown

11. Touchdown Slightly Tail Low

12. Brakes Apply Heavily

VOR Checks

Major Aronson reminds us to please be vigilant about logging VOR checks in the AIR.

The next person to fly the aircraft may need to make an IFR departure.



Connecticut-Rhode Island Search and Rescue Exercise

Lt. Col. Stephen Rocketto, Public Affairs Officer/CT001

n Saturday, June 7, Lieutenant Colonel Richard Doucette and Lt. Col. Stephen Rocketto opened the

sign-in desk for the combined CT-RI Wing Search and Rescue Exercise, greeting the first of 49 participants. Four officers and one cadet participated from Rhode Island Wing.

Lt. Col. Rocketto then shifted to the radio room where he and Major Willi Lintelmann opened radio communications with the first of four aircraft involved in the mission. Incident Commander's Michael Heath and John de Andrade assembled the command staff: Major Keith Neilson, Air Operations Branch Director; Lt. Col. Malcolm Dickenson, Ground Team Operations; Lt. Col. Rui Rodriguez overseeing safety, and Maj. Scott Farley and Maj. Paul Noniewicz fulfilling roles as needed.

Air and ground teams gathered for the first briefing at 8:30 a.m. Cadet Senior Airman Hannah Ramsey led the Pledge of Allegiance and the CAP Safety Pledge. Mission goals, staff, communications and weather were reviewed and cadets and officers were dismissed and sent on their respective missions.

An air and ground search for an electronic locator beacon (ELT) launched first, followed by a number of missions including shoreline patrols, bridge and dam infrastructure surveys along the Connecticut-Rhode Island Border, and an air reconnaissance of Richmond Airport seeking to identify a specific aircraft. A second ground team was dispatched in the afternoon to track an ELT.

Major Roy Bourque (Thames River Composite Squadron) and personnel from other squadrons led the ground teams. Lt. Col. Thomas Wisehart flew one of the search aircraft, training a scanner and observer. Lt. Col. Larry Kinch ran ground transportation and airport gate security details.

In addition to simulated emergency missions, a number of officers and cadets practiced ground mission roles at Haley Farm State Park just east of Mystic. The morning program consisted of a line search, signal mirror practice and hot weather injuries discussions. In the afternoon, familiarization and preparatory classes were conducted at the airport.

By 10 a.m. all units were deployed on various missions. Debriefings were held as each team returned and subsequent missions followed during the 12 hour exercise.

he 70th Anniversary New Hampshire Wing Maneuvers, held on June 14 at Laconia Municipal Airport, Gilford,

Vermont Pilot Takes 1st Place at NHWG Maneuvers

Colonel Bill Moran, New Hampshire Wing Commander

NH ended with Vermont Wing pilot Lieutenant Mike Nesshoever taking first place in the "spot landing" competition. Lieutenant Nesshoever landed his aircraft closest to the reference line.

Hank Munroe, a Civil Air Patrol cadet who attended the 1944 New Hampshire Wing Maneuvers, presented the New Hampshire State Granite Trophy to Lieutenant Nesshoever (Vermont Wing). A copy of the 1944 New Hampshire Wing Maneuvers program was presented to Mr. Munroe.

I want to thank Hank Munroe, the Hawk Composite Squadron and Civil Air Patrol members from PA, CT, MA, NH, VT and ME for a great event. The Water, Wings, and Wheels III Laconia Airport Open House and New Hampshire CAP Wing Maneuvers were a great success. All aircrews asked for another spot landing event next year.

New Hampshire Wing Maneuvers Placement

1st VT Lt. Michael Nesshoever N710CP 15'

2nd MA Major Alan Bugos

N9633X 21'

3rd NH Major Kevin Madore

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President Signs CAP Congressional Gold Medal Bill Founding Members Honored for World War II Service

Major Peter Milano, Public Affairs Officer/CT001

n May 30 President Barack Obama signed into law S. 309, the bill awarding a Congressional Gold Medal to Civil Air Patrol for its service during World War II.

The legislation, approved in May 2013 by the Senate and on May 19, 2014 by the House, recognizes the volunteer service of more than 120,000 men, women and teenagers who joined CAP immediately before and during the war. They helped protect the nation by warding off German U-boat attacks on American oil tankers bound for Allied nations. CAP's early members also took to the skies to patrol the nation's borders, tow targets for military training, watch for forest fires, conduct search and rescue missions, provide disaster relief, transport people and parts and conduct orientation flights for future pilots.

In Connecticut, CAP's World War II ranks include Joel B. Fairfax, from Madison, CT.

More information about Civil Air Patrol's World War II service is available at www.capgoldmedal.com, the organization's Congressional Gold Medal website.

The numbers alone tell a story of heroic sacrifice: At least 59 CAP members were killed in the performance of their missions, with nearly half -26 – dying during the coastal patrols. Those patrols alone accounted for 86,685 missions involving 244,600 flight hours and more than 24 million aerial miles.

CAP was founded Dec. 1, 1941, a week before the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The coastal patrols began within three months, after the Petroleum Industry War Council requested protection for oil tankers falling prey to German torpedoes. Over the next 15 months, members used their own planes to watch for U-boats, sometimes dropping bombs when they spotted one of the submarines. The Congressional Gold Medal marks the first major recognition CAP's members have received for their World War II service. Fewer than 100 are believed to be alive today.

"CAP is proud of the service our founding members provided in protecting the homeland, and we thank Congress for this recognition of their contributions to the war effort," said Maj. Gen. Chuck Carr, CAP national commander.





OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL COMMANDER CIVIL AIR PATROL UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AUXILIARY MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, AL 36112

21 May 2014

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL CAP MEMBERS

FROM: CAP/CC

CAP Nondiscrimination Policy

SUBJECT: Nondiscrimination

- 1. Civil Air Patrol is committed to equality of opportunity in offering access to its educational and operational programs and activities. Nondiscrimination and diversity are critical to our success as an organization.
- 2. CAP provides an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members and ensures that educational, membership and operational decisions are based on each individual's abilities and qualifications. Consistent with this practice and applicable laws, it is CAP policy not to discriminate in offering access to its programs and activities, or with respect to membership terms and conditions, on the basis of race, sex, age, color, religion, national origin, or disability. This policy ensures that only relevant factors are considered and that equitable and consistent standards of conduct and performance are applied.
- 3. Commanders at all levels are responsible for ensuring that members under their command are aware of and adhere to CAP's nondiscrimination policy.
- 4. Allegations of violations of the CAP Nondiscrimination Policy will be sent to the Equal Opportunity Officer (EOO), Lt. Col. Walter Vertreace. Submission of allegations and/or complaints directly to the CAP/EOO will not be considered a violation of the chain of command.
- a. Those wishing to submit a discrimination complaint should review CAPR 36-2 for procedures and guidance. Additional guidance may also be obtained by contacting the EOO.
- b. The CAP/EOO can be contacted at wvertreace@comcast.net, (267) 971-9442, or by writing to Equal Opportunity Officer, 105 South Hansell Street, Maxwell AFB, AL 36112.
- 5. Any questions concerning this policy should be directed to the CAP/EOO.

CHARLES L. CARR, JR. Major General, CAP National Commander

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SCHEDULE & TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

National Emergency Services Academy

Session 1: July 20 to 26 Session 2: July 27 to Aug 2 Camp Atterbury, Edinburgh, IN www.nesa.cap.gov

CTWG Golf Tournament

July 18 (rain or shine) Timberlin Golf Club, Berlin, CT

Northeast Region Mission Aircrew School

August 8-10; Camp Niantic, Niantic, CT August 15-17; Groton Airport, Groton, CT See flier on page 29 for details.

CTWG Basic Leadership Encampment

August 9-16; Niantic, CT ctwg.cap.gov/2014-ctwg-encampment

SAREX

August 23: Hartford, CT

Cadet Ball

September 20 (tentative) U.S. Coast Guard Academy

Commander's Call & CAC Meeting

October 1: Middletown, CT

Northeast Region Aerospace Education Officers Course

October 16-18 Bradley Airport, Windsor Locks, CT

Combined Connecticut Wing, Northeast Region Conference

October 17 to 19 Sheraton Hotel, Bradley Airport, CT

Northeast Region Staff College

October 18 to 25

Joint Base McGuire/Dix/Lakehurst, NJ

http://www.ner.cap.gov/nersc/



Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters

Attention all PAOs!

Mark your calendar for PAO Academy V to be held August 12-13 at the 2014 National Conference. The event will feature hands-on training on how to create a video, including YouTube, designing a web page, setting up and using Facebook and how to use Twitter to complement your PA program.

Key national programs and initiatives to be covered include several important "how to's": how to be an effective PIO, how to use CAP's national branding campaign to complement wing and unit PA plans, how to secure grassroots publicity for the Congressional Gold Medal, how to localize the 75th anniversary guide and how to create award-winning projects.

In addition, participants will get the chance to meet the 2014 Balsem Award winners. Attendees will receive a PAO Academy coin and polo AND the wing will treat everyone to a "Tim Hahn" barbecue, which will feature CAP branded steaks.

FEMA G289

Also, anyone aspiring to be a member of the National Public Information Officer Team is encouraged to sign up for the FEMA G289 course to be held Monday, Aug. 11. Focusing on the unique position of the PIO, the Public Information Officer Awareness Course will orient participants to the public information function and the role of the PIO in the public safety/emergency management environment.

The cost is only \$20. Reserve your spot today. www.capmembers.com/2014natcon

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Civil Air Patrol Northeast Region Mission Aircrew School August 8-10th & August 15-17th, 2014

Two consecutive weekends in August at Camp Niantic in Niantic, CT, and Groton Airport, Groton, CT.

Mission Pilot
Mission Observer
Mission Scanner
Aerial Photographer

Prerequisites: All students must be ROA qualified.

Academics: Weekend August 8-10, In-flight Training: Weekend of August 15-17

Additional information and Registration Forms will be posted to the NER web site

Or by emailing: dos@ner.cap.gov





In order to minimize the cost, the course is designed as a pay for what you want. All Breakfast and Lunch meals are included, but Dinners are on your own at local restaurants, pay as you go. Billeting is pay for what you need, at \$25 per night, or you are welcome to make your own arrangements at a local hotel, or even stay with friends.

FEES:

\$100.00 for both weekends (MP, MO, Both MS & AP) \$50 for 1st weekend only

Please register on line



Leading Edge is a monthly publication produced in the interest of Civil Air Patrol's Connecticut Wing members.

Submission Guidelines

Send submissions in Microsoft Word format (limit to approximately 325 words) via email to publicaffairs@ctwg.cap.gov

Photos should be sent as attachments in JPG format.

Include photo credits, cutline information, and an electronic copy of the story.

Deadline for the July 2014 issue is 14 July

Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with 61,000 members nationwide, operating a fleet of 550 aircraft. CAP, in its Air Force auxiliary role, performs 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and is credited by the AFRCC with saving an average of 80 lives annually. Its unpaid professionals also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to more than 26,000 young people currently participating in the CAP cadet programs. CAP received the World Peace Prize in 2011 and has been performing missions for America for 72 years. CAP also participates in Wreaths Across America, an initiative to remember, honor and teach about the sacrifices of U.S. military veterans.

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